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1. THE NEW RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (JFTR) BY CHANGE 226 AND ARE EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 2005. THE NEW RULES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE PER DIEM COMMITTEE WEBSITE (<https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>) UNDER JFTR IMMEDIATE CHANGES, ITEM 6-05 (<http://141.116.74.201/regs/Immediate/UTD6-05.pdf>).

REVISED CHAPTER 9 ADDRESSES OCONUS COLA AND TLA ALLOWANCES.  
REVISED CHAPTER 10 ADDRESSES OHA AND FSH ALLOWANCES.  
REVISED APPENDIX J ADDRESSES OCONUS COLA SURVEYS, CALCULATIONS AND INDEXES.  
REVISED APPENDIX K ADDRESSES OHA REQUIRED FORMS, CALCULATIONS AND BRIEFING SHEET.

2. BAH-II/BAQ DISAPPEARS AS A COMPONENT OF OHA.

3. IF YOU ARE A SHARER MAKE SURE YOUR RENTAL LEASE IS ON FILE. WITHOUT THE RENTAL LEASE YOU WILL NOT BE PAID ANY OHA SINCE BAH II/BAQ DISAPPEARS AS A MINIMUM PAYMENT FOR OHA. THE RENT PART OF OHA IS DRIVEN BY THE LEASE.

4. ON AND AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2005 THE AUTOMATIC CONTINUATION OF OCONUS COLA AND OHA FOR 60 DAYS AFTER THE A MEMBER DEPARTS AN OVERSEAS STATION AND THE NEW DUTY STATION IS IN CONUS, WHEN DEPENDENTS REMAIN AT THE OLD STATION, IS ELIMINATED. OHA, OR BAH IN ALASKA OR HAWAII, CAN BE CONTINUED WHEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARIAL PROCESS BUT THERE IS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE OCONUS COLA. NECESSARY LEGISLATION IS IN THE WORKS TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE COLA. HOWEVER, UNTIL THE LEGISLATION IS APPROVED, OCONUS COLA MUST STOP WHEN THE MEMBER DEPARTS THE PDS FOR A PCS TO CONUS.

5. THERE IS NO AUTHORITY FOR AN UP-FRONT LUMP SUM MIHA OR OHA UNLESS A MEMBER IS AUTHORIZED TO LIVE IN PRIVATE SECTOR LEASED/OWNED

HOUSING, THE MEMBER COMPLETES AN INDIVIDUAL OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE (OHA) REPORT (DD FORM 2367), AND THAT REPORT IS APPROVED.

6. A MEMBER'S DEPENDENTS AT AN OCONUS LOCATION MUST BE COMMAND SPONSORED FOR THE MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OCONUS COLA AT THE WITH-DEPENDENTS RATE.

7. THERE NO LONGER IS A REQUIREMENT FOR DEPENDENTS AT AN OCONUS LOCATION TO BE COMMAND SPONSORED FOR A MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OHA AT THE WITH-DEPENDENTS RATE.